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Dear Dr. Gilfillan:

I am writing to bring to your attention a new report by the Government Accountability Office entitled, "*Medicare: Issues for Manufacturer-Level Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment.*" This report deserves review by the Innovation Center as it presents evidence that manufacturer-level competitive bidding for certain durable medical equipment items may be a cost-saving alternative for Medicare.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Pete Stark
Ranking Member
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